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## Computational Science 260

## Midterm Exam

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Marks

1. Use a truth table to prove that  $(P \wedge Q_1) \vee (\neg P \wedge Q_2)$  is logically equivalent to  $(P \Rightarrow Q_1) \wedge (\neg P \Rightarrow Q_2)$ . 15

P	Q <sub>1</sub>	Q <sub>2</sub>	$P \wedge Q_1$	$\neg P \wedge Q_2$	$(P \wedge Q_1) \vee (\neg P \wedge Q_2)$	$P \Rightarrow Q_1$	$\neg P \Rightarrow Q_2$	$(P \Rightarrow Q_1) \wedge (\neg P \Rightarrow Q_2)$
T	T	T	T	F	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	F	F	F	T	F
T	F	F	F	F	F	T	T	F
F	T	T	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	F	F	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	F	F	T	F	F

Same, therefore equivalent.

2. Children dance at nursery school, and each child has exactly one partner. Let  $P(x, y)$  be true of  $x$  is the partner of  $y$ , or if  $y$  is the partner of  $x$ . Express the fact that each child has exactly one partner in predicate calculus. 12

$$\forall x \exists y (P(x, y) \wedge \forall z (P(x, z) \Rightarrow x = y))$$

3. Given  $\forall y(P(y) \vee Q(y))$  and  $\exists x \neg P(x)$ , give a derivation to show  $\exists x Q(x)$ . 14

$$\forall y (P(y) \vee Q(y)), \exists x \neg P(x) \vdash \exists x Q(x)$$

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. $\forall y (P(y) \vee Q(y))$ | Premise        |
| 2. $\exists x \neg P(x)$        | Premise        |
| 3. $\neg P(a)$                  | 2, EI          |
| 4. $P(a) \vee Q(a)$             | 1, $\forall x$ |
| 5. $Q(a)$                       | 3, 4, D.S.     |
| 6. $\exists x Q(x)$             | 5, EG          |

4. Let  $P$  stand for "The new year starts October 21",  $Q$  for "4 is even" and  $R$  for "Canada is a tropical country". Assign the appropriate truth values to all these propositions. Translate  $(P \wedge Q) \vee (Q \Rightarrow R)$  into English. Moreover, find the truth value of this expression. 12

The new year starts in Oct. 25 and 4 is even,  
or 4 is even implies Canada is a tropical country

$P$ : The new year starts Oct. 25: F  
 $Q$ : 4 is even: T  
 $R$ : Canada is a tropical country: F

$$\begin{array}{c} (P \wedge Q) \vee (Q \Rightarrow R) \\ \begin{array}{cc} F & F \end{array} \\ \hline F \end{array} \quad \text{Statement false}$$

5. Consider the following Prolog data base

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abc(X,Y) :- cde(X,U), efg(V,U), hij(V,Y).
cde(a,b).
cde(a,c).
efg(d,b).
efg(h,c).
hij(h,b).
```

Suppose the query is `abc(a,b)`. Trace the execution of the query `abc(a,b)`. The trace should indicate in which order the different goals are attempted, together with an indication whether or not they succeed. Use S for succeed and F for fail.

TRACE

*abc(a,b)*

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cde(a,b) S
efg(d,b) S
hij(d,b) F
efg(h,b) F
cde(a,c) S
efg(h,c) S
hij(h,b) S
abc(a,b) S
```

*for details  
to: !!*

6. In a Prolog data base, there is a fact for each English word, indicating whether it is a noun, a verb, an article, and so on. For instance, there is a fact `noun(dog)` to indicate that "dog" is a noun, there is a fact `verb(run)` to indicate that "run" is a verb, and there is a fact `article(the)` to indicate that "the" is an article. Design a rule `sentence(X, Y, Z)` which must succeed if X is an article, Y is a noun,

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and Z is a verb.

Sentence  $(X, Y, Z) :- \text{article}(X), \text{noun}(Y), \text{verb}(Z),$

7. Let  $A$  be a set, and let  $\#A$  be the number of elements in the set. 10

Show that  $\#(A \cup B) \leq \#A + \#B$ . Moreover, give an example where

$\#(A \cup B) = \#A + \#B$ .

Elements appearing in both  $A$  and  $B$   
are counted twice in  $\#A + \#B$ , but only  
once in  $\#(A \cup B)$ .

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\} \quad B = \{4\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

- ✓ 8. Let  $f(n) = 2 - f(n-1)/2$ , with  $f(0) = 0$ . Find  $f(3)$  by replacing  $f(m)$  12  
with a proper expression.

$$f(3) = 2 - \frac{f(2)}{2}$$

$$= 2 - \frac{2 - f(1)/2}{2}$$

$$= 2 - \frac{2 - (2 - f(0)/2)/2}{2}$$

$$= 2 - \frac{2 - (2)/2}{2} = 1\frac{1}{2}$$

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